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Sir:

Enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney form for the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts and a check for \$130.00 to cover the fee for filing a Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite matters, it is respectfully requested that he call Applicant's attorneys in Cleveland, Ohio area code (216) 621-2234.

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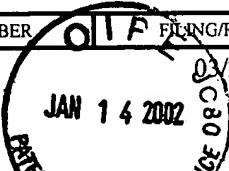
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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